



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Monday - July 9, 2001

- ***In the West***, cloudiness and beneficial showers are suppressing temperatures across the ***Intermountain region***, aiding pastures and dryland summer crops. In the ***Northwest***, however, hot, dry weather is increasing stress on small grains, including filling winter wheat.
- ***On the Plains***, an untimely heat wave persists across the ***southern half of the region***, stressing reproductive summer crops, including corn, cotton, soybeans, sorghum, and peanuts. Beneficial showers are beginning to overspread the ***northern High Plains***, where recent hot weather has hastened winter wheat maturation but adversely affected drought-stressed pastures and spring-sown small grains.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, warm weather and generally adequate soil moisture levels favor corn and soybeans, approaching or entering reproduction across ***southern portions of the region***. Scattered showers linger across the ***Ohio Valley***, causing minor winter wheat harvest delays.
- ***In the South***, mostly adequate soil moisture and very warm conditions are promoting rapid summer crop development. Beneficial showers are spreading into the ***interior South*** and continue in ***Florida***.

Outlook: For the remainder of the week, hot, dry conditions will persist across the ***south-central U.S.***, while beneficial showers are forecast to overspread the ***central Plains***. Widespread showers will help to offset some of the effects of very warm weather in the ***Southeast***. Showers are forecast to accompany near- to below-normal temperatures in the ***Corn Belt*** and across the ***West***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 14-18 calls for near- to above-normal temperatures nationwide, except for cool weather along the ***Atlantic Seaboard***. Mostly dry weather is forecast from the ***central Plains to the western Corn Belt***, while wet conditions are expected in the ***northern Plains, interior Northwest, and much of the South***, including ***Texas***.

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